

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 3, 2009 MINUTES

On Tuesday, March 3, 2009, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 9:50 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners Jim Hart, Vice-Chair, and Marilyn Ross present. Chairman David Schulz was absent to attend a legislative session in Helena, Montana, regarding rehabilitation of the Ruby Reservoir. Laurie Buyan, Administrative Assistant, was present to take minutes.

Marilyn Ross moved to approve the February 17, 2009, minutes with corrections. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Marilyn Ross moved to approve the February 20, 2009, minutes with corrections. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Marilyn Ross moved to approve the February 24, 2009, minutes with corrections. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Charity Fechter, Jill Steeley, Karen Brown, Owen Voigt, Peggy Kaatz, Chris Mumme, Steve DiGiovanna, Shelly Burke, and Chris Christensen.

Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance 1-2009: Vice Chairman, Jim Hart, opened the public hearing regarding an ordinance to amend subdivision review fees in Madison County at 10:20 a.m. Charity Fechter, Planning Director, was present for this portion of the meeting. No members of the public were present. Hearing no public comment, Marilyn Ross moved to pass Ordinance 1-2009, an ordinance amending Ordinance 4-2006, Madison County Subdivision Review Fee Schedule, on the second reading, to become effective April 2, 2009. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Health Nurse Position: Jill Steeley, Public Health Administrator, met with the Board to discuss the Public Health Nurse position. Jill reported that the Health Board has interviewed three candidates for the position and has offered it to one of the candidates at 100% of the current pay scale. Jill stated the candidate has over ten years of experience and is currently in the process of getting a Masters Degree. Jill will keep the Board updated on whether or not this candidate accepts the position.

GIS/IT Work Hours: Karen Brown, GIS/IT, met with the Board to discuss how it has been working for her to work four, ten hour shifts per week. Karen stated that the schedule seems to be working well and early morning hours are more productive. She stated she has made some adjustments to the schedule when she is needed for various reasons but that it has not been a problem. The Board agreed that it seems to be working well but will let Karen know if they hear of any problems with it.

Claims: The Board approved claims.

Airports – Fuel Supply Contract: The Board discussed the proposed fuel supply contract with City Service Valcon for the Ennis Airport. Jim Hart will make necessary corrections to the contract and return it to City Service for their approval.

Journal Vouchers: Marilyn Ross moved to approve Journal Vouchers for the 2/09 accounting period. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Health Board Resignation: Marilyn Ross moved, with regret and appreciation for service, to accept the resignation of Bill Doggett from the Public Health Board and to advertise the vacancy. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Housing Board Resignation: Marilyn Ross moved, with regret and appreciation for service, to accept the resignation of Karen Talley from the Housing Board and to advertise the vacancy. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Planning Board Appointment: The Board discussed the Planning Board vacancy representing the Town of Twin Bridges. The Board will wait to hear further from the Twin Bridges Town Council before filling the vacancy.

Lee Property Bid Openings: The Board received four proposals for the proposed renovations to the Lee house and six proposals for the proposed retaining walls at the Lee house. Karen Brown, GIS/IT was present for this portion of the meeting. Jim Hart opened and read the total amount of each proposal. The Board will take the proposals under advisement. Karen asked to be kept informed of the proposed start and finish dates of these projects. This portion of the meeting was continued to Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 9:30 p.m.

Public Discussion: Owen Voigt, MACo Health Care Trust, met with the Board and briefly reviewed the current status of the Trust and the Madison County Medical Insurance Plan. Peggy Kaatz, Clerk and Recorder, and Karen Brown, GIS/IT, were also present for this portion of the meeting. Owen discussed the possibility of adding more plan options for employees to choose from at the next renewal. Owen will provide the Board with a more in-depth status when he returns in six weeks.

RID Engineering Contract: The Board received four proposals for Professional Engineering Services to Inspect and Manage Rural Improvements Districts in Madison County. The Board will review proposals as time permits.

Road Crew Fire Training: Steve DiGiovanna, Communications Coordinator, and Chris Mumme, Director of Emergency Management, met with the Board to discuss fire training for road crew members. Steve explained that resources at both State and Federal levels are dwindling and in the event of significant fires across the State, Madison County would be one of the last counties to receive assistance in fighting fires. Steve went on to say that if County road crews were trained in fire behavior and certified to run heavy equipment at fire lines, they could be a huge asset to Fire Fighters. After much discussion, the Board agreed that Steve and Chris should schedule fire training for road crew members that are willing to participate, but that this training or any hours worked fighting fires would be voluntary and not a required part of their jobs.

Elected Board Appointments: Per letter from Peggy Kaatz, Clerk and Recorder, stating that it is not necessary to hold an election for the following positions and that the Board of Commissioners shall declare elected by acclamation the candidate who filed a nominating petition for the position, Marilyn Ross moved to appoint Ken Walsh and John Benedict, for three year terms that will expire in 2012, and to appoint Carol Braach to fulfill a three year term that will expire in 2010, all to the Ruby Valley Hospital District Board. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Marilyn Ross moved to appoint John Scully and John Duncan to the Madison Valley Hospital District Board for three year terms that will expire in 2012. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Marilyn Ross moved to appoint Janet Doornbos to the Sheridan Park District Board for a four year term that will expire in 2013. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Marilyn Ross moved to appoint John Lounsbury to the Madison Valley Rural Fire District Board for a three year term that will expire in 2012. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Marilyn Ross moved to appoint John Allhands and Neil Barnosky to the Sheridan Rural Fire District Board for three year terms that will expire in 2012. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Marilyn Ross moved to appoint Les Gilman to the Alder Rural Fire District Board for a three year term that will expire in 2012. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Marilyn Ross moved to appoint Ed Armstrong to the Harrison Rural Fire District Board for a three year term that will expire in 2012. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Investment Committee Meeting: Shelly Burke, Treasurer, and Chris Christensen, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County investments. Shelly presented a cash reconciliation and STIP yield and daily factor calculations and stated that there have been no major changes. The Committee also discussed the Yellowstone Club bankruptcy.

Department of Revenue Letter: The Board reviewed a letter from Jim Hart to the Department of Revenue regarding office space in the Courthouse.

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Fuels Reduction Grant Support Letter: Marilyn Ross moved to approve a letter to Terina Mullen, BLM Fire Mitigation and Education Specialist, in support of the Bureau of Land Management Fuels Reduction Grant on behalf of the Madison County Emergency Management Department. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Great West Task #18 – Ruby Town Road Bridge Replacement: Marilyn Ross moved to approve Task Order #18 between Madison County and Great West Engineering to size a concrete box culvert to replace the existing Ruby Town Road Bridge and prepare all permitting necessary to complete the project. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

At 4:00 p.m. the remainder of the meeting was continued to Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 5, 2009: The meeting reconvened on March 5, 2009, at 10:20 a.m. with Commissioners David Schulz, Chairman, Jim Hart, Vice-Chair, and Marilyn Ross present. Laurie Buyan, Administrative Assistant, was present to take minutes. Chris Christensen, County Attorney, was present for this portion of the meeting.

Lee Property Bid Openings: The Board reviewed bids for retaining walls and interior and exterior renovations at the Lee property recently purchased by Madison County. After discussion, Jim Hart moved to accept the proposal from Chief Croy Construction in conjunction with from JC Excavation, for a total amount of \$21,978, for construction of retaining walls at the Lee property, pending confirmation of insurance and availability to complete the project by May 1, 2009. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. After further discussion, Marilyn Ross moved not to accept any of the proposals submitted for the Lee property renovation project and to re-advertise for bids to include garage lights and outlets and a completion date of May 15, 2009. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

With no further business this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Next Meeting: The next regular Commission meeting will be held on March 10, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Conference Room at the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City, Montana.

David Schulz, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: March 10, 2009

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